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1. ON MAY 26, MISSIONREPS MET WITH DANIEL JANICOT, UNESCO
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CHEF DE CABINET AND DESIGNATED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL AS
OF JUNE 1. JANICOT SAID THAT UNESCO HAD SHORT AND LONG TERM
PLANS REGARDING ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA, PURSUANT TO A
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE 144TH SESSION OF THE UNESCO
EXECUTIVE BOARD (REFTEL B). THE BOARD RESOLUTION CALLED FOR
SHORT TERM ACTION IN THE FORM OF EMERGENCY PROVISION OF
EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN DISPLACED BY THE CONFLICT. IT ALSO
CALLED FOR AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE CAUSES OF, AND SOLUTIONS
TO, THE RECURRENT CONFLICT IN RWANDA.

INITIAL STEPS ON RWANDA

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2. JANICOT TOLD MISSIONREPS THAT UNESCO WAS COORDINATING ITS SHORT TERM ACTIVITIES FOR RWANDAN REFUGEES WITH THE ICRC, THE UNHCR, UNICEF, NGOS, AND OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH THE REFUGEE CAMPS IN BURUNDI, UGANDA AND TANZANIA. HE STRESSED THAT UNESCO WOULD NOT ACTUALLY SET FOOT IN RWANDA UNTIL THE SECURITY SITUATION IMPROVED; FOR THE PRESENT, ITS ACTIVITIES WOULD BE CONFINED TO THE RWANDAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN TANZANIA, BURUNDI AND UGANDA. JANICOT SAID THAT UNESCO'S CHIEF ACTIVITY IN THE CAMPS WOULD BE THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION TO REFUGEE CHILDREN.

3. JANICOT SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO GO ON A "POLITICAL" MISSION TO DAR ES SALAAM (BY WAY OF NAIROBI) AND THE NGARA REFUGEE CAMP IN EARLY JUNE IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR UNESCO ASSISTANCE AND DETERMINE APPROPRIATE TIMING. HE WILL TRAVEL WITH A BELGIAN CONSULTANT AND STAFF FROM THE DAR ES SALAAM AND NAIROBI OFFICES. JANICOT SAID THAT F. HIGGINSON (USA), UNESCO STAFFER IN CHARGE REFUGEE EDUCATION, WAS PLANNING A SUBSEQUENT "TECHNICAL" MISSION IN JULY, ALTHOUGH
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THE POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL MISSIONS MAY BE TELESKOPED. HE SAID THAT HIGGINSON IS ACTING AS UNESCO'S LIAISON WITH UNHCR.

4. JANICOT SAID THAT UNESCO IS PROPOSING AS A FIRST STEP TO INSTALL A "UNESCO CENTER" FOR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IN TANZANIA AND THEN TO ESTABLISH DIVISIONS IN THE CAMPS IN BURUNDI AND UGANDA. HE SAID THAT UNESCO WOULD DRAW ON ITS EXPERIENCE IN SOMALIA FOR THIS INITIATIVE. HE SAID THAT UNESCO PLANNED TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE ON SITE TO IMPLEMENT THE UNESCO EDUCATION PROJECT IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH UNICEF.

5. JANICOT SPECULATED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR THE RWANDAN REFUGEE CHILDREN WOULD BE ESPECIALLY DIFFICULT GIVEN THE DEGREE TO WHICH MANY OF THEM HAD BEEN TRAUMATIZED. JANICOT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THE MAJOR CHALLENGE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS REMAINED THAT OF ENSURING THE BASIC SURVIVAL OF THE REFUGEES. HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE SITUATION IN THE CAMPS WAS NOW STABILIZING AND NOTED PLANS TO DIVIDE THAT VAST REFUGEE ENCAMPMENT IN TANZANIA INTO TWO OR MORE CAMPS FOR THE SAKE OF BETTER ADMINISTRATION.

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6. JANICOT TOLD MISSION THAT UNESCO WAS ALSO SEEKING TO AMELIORATE THE SITUATION INSIDE RWANDA BY GIVING THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN BELGIUM MORAL AND POSSIBLY FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN THE FUTURE TO TRANSMIT RADIO BROADCASTS "OF SERVICE AND OF TOLERANCE" FROM A STATION IN BELGIUM TO

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RWANDA. JANICOT SAID THAT THIS PROJECT WOULD PRIMARILY BE RUN BY THE NGO COLLECTIVE FOR RWANDA, BUT ADDED THAT UNESCO HOPED TO CONTRIBUTE MATERIAL TO ITS RADIO PROGRAMS. JANICOT REPORTED THAT THE COLLECTIVE WAS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM. JANICOT SAID THAT THIS INITIATIVE WAS IMPORTANT TO COUNTERACT THE EFFECTS

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OF RADIO BROADCASTS INSIDE RWANDA WHICH WERE INCITING THE
POPULATION TO MURDER.

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7. COMMENT. IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH MICHEL ADAM,
BELGIAN PERMDEL TO UNESCO, MISSION WAS INFORMED THAT THE GOB
WAS RELUCTANT FOR POLITICAL REASONS TO GRANT A RADIO
FREQUENCY TO THE NGO COLLECTIVE (CLONG) TO TRANSMIT MESSAGES
FROM BELGIUM TO RWANDA. HE STATED THAT IN ORDER FOR
MESSAGES TO BE TRANSMITTED IN KINYARWANDA, RWANDANS WOULD
HAVE TO BE INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE
PROBLEMATIC TO IDENTIFY NEUTRAL RWANDANS. FURTHERMORE, HE
ASSERTED, THE RADIO STATION WOULD BE READILY RECOGNIZED AS
BELGIAN AND THIS MIGHT POSE SPECIAL PROBLEMS FOR BELGIUM.
ADAM REPORTED THAT THE GOB HAD NOT YET MADE A FINAL
DECISION. END COMMENT.

RWANDAN EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

8. ON MAY 31, MISSION DISCUSSED UNESCO EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
FOR RWANDA WITH HIGGINSON. REFERRING TO JANICOT'S MISSION
TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF UNESCO ACTION IN THE REFUGEE
CAMPS, HIGGINSON STATED IT WAS "ANYBODY'S GUESS" WHAT
JANICOT WOULD BRING BACK. HE NOTED THAT JANICOT HAD NO
ON-THE-GROUND EXPERIENCE WITH REFUGEE SITUATIONS. IN
HIGGINSON'S OPINION, UNESCO WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ORGANIZE
EDUCATION ACTIVITIES IN TANZANIA PRIOR TO THE DIVISION OF
THE NGARA CAMP.

9. HIGGINSON STATED HE OR A BELGIAN CONSULTANT WOULD
ACCOMPANY THE UNHCR ON A TECHNICAL MISSION IN JULY (PROBABLY

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NO LATER THAN JULY 4) WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF REVIEWING
TEACHER STOCK, AVAILABILITY OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS,
COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND GENERAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. PRIOR TO
THE MISSION, HIGGINSON STATED UNESCO WOULD CARRY OUT
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CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA AND BRUSSELS (NGOS) TO GATHER
BASELINE EDUCATION DATA AND TRY TO IDENTIFY PARTNERS FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES. HE REPORTED THAT UNHCR WAS
"ANXIOUS" FOR UNESCO TO "DEAL WITH THE EDUCATIONAL
COMPONENT" IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS. "THE 64,000 DOLLAR
QUESTION," MUSED HIGGINSON, WAS WHETHER UNESCO WOULD BE ABLE
TO "DELIVER THE GOODS."

10. WITH REGARD TO PRIMARY EDUCATION, HIGGINSON SAID THAT
UNESCO AND UNICEF WOULD PROBABLY COLLABORATE TO "CARVE UP
THE FIELD." HE THOUGHT UNICEF MIGHT CONCENTRATE ON MACRO
PROJECTS, SUCH AS SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION, WHILE UNESCO
PROVIDED READERS AND PRIMARY BOOKS. HE SAID PRIMARY BOOKS
DEVELOPED FOR SOMALI EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES WERE CURRENTLY
BEING TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH, AND IF APPROPRIATE, WOULD BE
TRANSLATED INTO KINYARWANDA FOR USE BY RWANDAN STUDENTS.

11. COMMENTING ON EDUCATION FOR TOLERANCE AND CONFLICT
RESOLUTION, HIGGINSON STATED THAT HE WAS STILL WAITING FOR
THOSE RESPONSIBLE "TO DEVELOP A COHERENT STRATEGY." HE
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WERE PLANS, BUT CONTENDED THAT THE
PLANS LACKED CONCRETE APPLICATIONS. HIS SUGGESTIONS ON
POSSIBLE CONTACTS, RESOURCES, METHODS AND CONTENT SEEMED TO
"FALL INTO A BLACK HOLE," STATED HIGGINSON.

UNESCO ACTION IN BURUNDI

12. IN THE MAY 26 MEETING, JANICOT ALSO DISCUSSED BURUNDI
AS A RELATED AREA OF UNESCO ACTION. HE REVEALED THAT
DIRECTOR-GENERAL MAYOR HAD ASKED FOR AN ACCELERATION OF
UNESCO "CULTURE OF PEACE" ACTIVITIES IN BURUNDI TO HELP

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AVOID A REPETITION OF THE RWANDAN SITUATION. HE SAID THAT
UNESCO ACTIVITIES HERE WOULD INCLUDE DISTRIBUTION OF PEACE
EDUCATION TEXTBOOKS AND TRANSMISSION OF RADIO BROADCASTS FOR

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PEACE AND RECONSTRUCTION. JANICOT SAID THAT UNESCO WOULD

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HAVE AN ASSOCIATE EXPERT IN PLACE TO OVERSEE THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNESCO'S "PEACE PROGRAM." HE SAID
THAT UNESCO EXPECTED TO GET GOOD SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED
NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE IN BUJUMBURA WHO JANICOT DESCRIBED AS
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A "STRONG PERSONALITY."
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